Division of Commercial Fisheries Sam Rabung, Director

Headquarters Office PO Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Alaska Department of Fish and Game Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner PO Box 115526

Advisory Announcement

Released: 10:00 a.m. July 31, 2020

CONTACT: James Jackson, Area Biologist Geoff Spalinger, Asst. Area Biologist Todd Anderson, Asst. Area Biologist Brad Fuerst, Fishery Biologist (907) 486-1830

Juneau, AK 99811-5526

www.adfg.alaska.gov

KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT #14 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-14-20

There will be a <u>105-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Monday**, **August 3** to **9:00 p.m. Friday**, **August 7** in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay, and Uyak Bay sections will remain closed);
- The Southwest Afognak, Southeast Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Northwest Afognak, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, Northeast Afognak, and Duck Bay sections of the Afognak District.): and
- The Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay sections of the Alitak District.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas will close at 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 31:

- The Outer Ayakulik, Halibut Bay, Sturgeon, Inner Karluk and Outer Karluk sections of the Southwest Kodiak District:
- The Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay sections of the Alitak District;
- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Zachar Bay, Spiridon Bay, and Uyak Bay sections will remain closed); and
- The Southwest Afognak, Southeast Afognak, Raspberry Strait, Northwest Afognak, Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, Northeast Afognak, and Duck Bay sections of the Afognak District.

The <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the Northwest Afognak and Shuyak Island sections of the Afognak District remain closed to commercial salmon fishing until 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 31.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are <u>reduced</u> until **9:00 p.m. Friday**, **July 31** in the following areas:

- To Karluk Lagoon's exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline (stream #255-101); and
- To **Sturgeon Lagoon's** exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline (stream #256-401).

Closed waters are <u>increased</u> until **9:00 p.m. Friday, July 31** in **Deadman Bay**, of the **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District** to all the waters of Deadman Bay, north of a latitude <u>of Cape Hepburn</u> (56° 57.5 N. lat.).

The following area remains **open until further notice**:

- The Inner Kitoi Bay, Outer Kitoi Bay, and Izhut Bay sections of the Afognak District; and
- The Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area (Telrod Cove).

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are <u>increased until further notice</u>, to the ADF&G markers placed by hatchery staff near **Big Kitoi Creek** (stream #252-324), and to the ADF&G markers at **Little Kitoi Creek** (stream #252-323).

<u>Until further notice</u>, in that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the commercial salmon fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350). Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates.